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### **Oath/Declaration**

1. In the "State or Foreign Country" of residence field for the sole inventor, the entry "USA" has been made. It is assumed that the State of residence for the sole inventor is California inasmuch as the United States is not deemed a foreign country.

### **Claim Objections**

2. Claim 13 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 13, it appears as though the portion of the recitation at lines 30-33 (lines 3-6 on page 23 of the application papers) should precede the portion of the claim at lines 25-27, inasmuch as lines 30-33 recite "a first piston position" and "a second piston position" while the portion of the claim at lines 25-27 recited<sup>s</sup> "the second piston position"; in claim 13, lines 59-60 (application page 24, lines 5-6), "the first biasing means" should be - piston coil spring- - for agreement with lines 39-40 of the claim.

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Appropriate correction is required.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

3. Claims 1-12 and 14-18 are allowed.
4. Claim 13 is objected to for minor informalities but is otherwise allowable.

### **Conclusion**

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Carlsmith (US 5,232,231), Thomas (US 5,716,059), Svensson et al. (US 5,865,445), Hoskin (US 6,039,330), Lyden (US 2004/0021278), Sekine (JP 10-71224), and Kefer (DE 198 47 157 A1) teach skate structures of pertinence.

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6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim 13 is objected to for minor informalities as set forth above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO**

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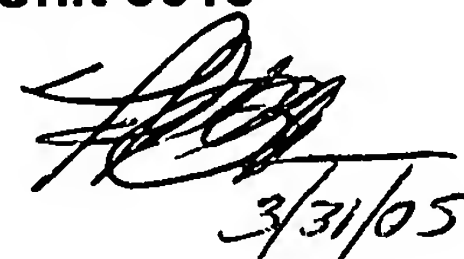
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